पर्यटकों के लिए सुविधाएं

3918. **श्री राघवणी :** क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान मध्य प्रदेश के सांची पर्यटन केन्द्र में वर्ष-वार कितने पर्यटक आए और उनमें से कितने विदेशी पर्यटक थे;

(ख) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा पर्यटकों के लिए सुविधाएं बढ़ाने हेतु कौन-कौन से कदम उठाए गए हैं ;

(ग) क्या उठाए गए कदम पर्याप्त हैं, यदि नहीं, तो उनमें सुधार के लिए क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार है; और

(घ) क्या पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान चीन तथा जापान द्वारा कोई सहायता प्रदान की गई है, यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद) : (क) राज्य सरकार से प्राप्त सूचना के अनुसार गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान सांची की यात्रा करने आए पर्यटकों की अनुमानित संख्या निम्नानुसार थी :—

वर्ष	पर्यटकों की संख्या	
	स्वदेशी	विदेशी
1991 . . .	64934	970
1992 . . .	72574	1573
1993 . . .	67801	1910

(ख) और (ग) विशिष्ट पर्यटक केन्द्रों पर पर्यटक सुविधाओं का विकास करना मुख्यतया राज्य सरकार की जिम्मेदारी है । तथापि, केन्द्रीय सरकार राज्य सरकारों से प्राप्त विशिष्ट प्रस्तावों के आधार पर उन्हें वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान करती है । गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान सांची के मामले में कोई ऐसा प्रस्ताव प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है ।

(घ) सांची में पर्यटक सुविधाओं का विकास करने के लिए चीन और जापान द्वारा कोई सहायता प्रदान नहीं की गई है ।

Losses of Vayudoot

3919. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what are the accumulated losses of Vayudoot Limited, till date ;

(b) what are the reasons for such huge losses ;

(c) whether Government have any fresh proposals to bring down the accumulated losses of Vayudoot and to make it a profitable organisation ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) As on 31st March, 1994 Vayudoot has incurred an estimated loss of Rs. 187 crores.

(b) The reasons for such huge losses are :

(i) Short-haul nature of operations.
(ii) Unremunerative fares.
(iii) Obsoluete and uneconomical aircraft.
(iv) Excessive manpower.

(c) and (d) Government has decided to merge Vayudoot with Indian Airlines and has frozen the liabilities of Vayudoot for a period of five years.

Manufacture of light trainer aircraft by BHEL

3920. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL), Hardwar, had been issued production licence to manufacture Light Trainer Aircraft (LT-1) SWATI ; and

(b) if so, the number of the aircrafts produced by BHEL, Hardwar till date ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) and (b) Four aircrafts have so far been produced by Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL). Hardwar under licence to manufacture Light Trainer Aircraft (LT-1) Swati.

Certificates of Airworthiness for Civil Aircrafts

3921. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Directorate of Airworthiness of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) is responsible for issuing certificates of airworthiness for civil aircrafts in the country ;

(b) if so, the number of such certificates issued during the last three years and till date ;

(c) whether the Directorate also maintains the National Register for all Civil registered aircrafts in the country ;

(d) if so, the latest total number of such aircrafts as registered on the National Register ; and

(e) the total number of civil registered aircrafts which had suffered accidents during the last three years and till date ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) to (d) Directorate of Airworthiness of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation has issued 89 certificates of airworthiness in the last three years. The Directorate maintains all the details/records in respect of all such cases which are 889 till date.

(e) 39 aircrats were involved in accidents during the last 3 years.

Problems of passengers at Hyderabad Airport

3922. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what steps are proposed to be taken to make Hyderabad airport efficient in terms of passenger services ;

(b) the number of people employed at the Airport by Indian Airlines to attend to passenger requirements ;

(c) whether any survey of the problems faced by passengers at Hyderabad airport has been made ;

(d) if so, the details thereof ; and

(e) the steps proposed to ensure that senior personnel are available at least twice a day to ensure that passengers are properly attended to ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) The steps taken by Indian Airlines to improve the passenger services at Hyderabad airport include increasing the working hours of the booking office at the airport, provision of additional telephone lines for passenger's convenience, RAPID system (under installation) for advising the passengers of delays to the flights, if any and pressing into operation of Kerb Squads, in case of delays, at the airport. Besides, National Airports Authority has undertaken a project for expansion of Terminal Building.

(b) and (c) There are 10 officers, 64 Traffic staff and 69 loaders employed by Indian Airlines at airport. One Duty Manager and two Duty Officers are always available in each shift. Station Manager, Hyderabad also visits the airport at least once a day.

(c) and (d) According to a survey conducted by NAA, passenger amenities/services at the airport were generally found satisfactory. Nevertheless any problem faced by passengers is immediately attended to by the personnel on duty.

Manufacturing of Aircrafts by Indian Aviation Industry

3923. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Airlines and Air India have a planning to buy some new aircrafts ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether Indian Aviation Industry propose to manufacture its own aircrafts rather than indigenous foreign aircraft technology ; and

(d) what is Government's reaction in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) and (b) Both Indian Airlines and Air India have long term plans for fleet renewal. However, the exact number and types of aircraft to be acquired and the cost cannot be indicated with any degree of finality at this stage. According to the indicative plans, Air India will have a fleet strength of 56 aircrafts by 2010/2011 and Indian Airlines a fleet of 175 aircrafts by 2009/2010.

(c) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government, at present.

(d) Does not arise.

Tourist Traffic

3924. SHRI AHMED MOHMEDBHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that for the last two successive years the tourist traffic has been very poor ;

(b) if so, what was the number of foreign tourists who visited India in 1992 ;

(c) to what extent it was less in comparison to 1991 ;

(d) whether the position during 1993 was also of declining trend in regard to tourist traffic ;

(e) if so, what were the main and major problems that reduced the tourist traffic ;

(f) whether the tourist traffic has shown an increasing trend during the last 3 months of the current year :

(g) whether Government are proposing to give a face-lift to the new areas of tourist interest ;

(h) if so, what are the places which are being developed for tourist traffic particularly the Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat ; and